GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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LAW ON COMPULSORY REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that as per the survey conducted by the National Commission for Women, group marriages of girls in the age group of 12 to 14 are being organized openly in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to enact a law to make marriage registration compulsory keeping in view the large number of child marriages in the country;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the time by which a new legislation is likely to be enacted?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH)

(a)&(b) The National Commission for Women has not conducted any survey on child marriage. However, the National Commission for Women sends its teams to the States which has high incidences of child marriages during the festival season of Akshaya Teej to campaign for prevention of child marriages in the States. It has been observed that a large number of child marriages take place on the occasion of Akshaya Teej involving children below the legal age of marriage of 18 years. The reports prepared on the observation are sent to State Governments for taking suitable action to prevent child marriages in their States.

(c) No, Sir.

(d)&(e) Does not arise.